

DECISION	25/4367
IN THE MATTER	of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
	AND
IN THE MATTER	of an application by HIWINUI COUNTRY ESTATE for the issue of a special licence

DECISION OF THE MANAWATU DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE (ON THE PAPERS)

This application was considered by the Commissioner of the Manawatu District Licensing Committee pursuant to section 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Application

HIWINUI COUNTRY ESTATE has applied for a special licence to provide alcohol sales. The application relates to a “Sip and Savour” 2026 Food and Beverage Festival.

Inquiring Agency Reports

Police

The New Zealand Police do not oppose the application.

Licensing Inspector

A report from the Manawatu District Council Licensing Inspector dated 1 December 2025 was received and considered. The Inspector does not oppose the application.

Medical Officer of Health

The Medical Officer of Health does not oppose the application.

Local Alcohol Policy

There is no local alcohol policy in force within the Manawatu district.

Consideration of the application

As no objection to the application has been filed and no matters of opposition have been raised by the inquiring agencies, the application was considered pursuant to section 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 by the Chairperson of the District Licensing Committee sitting alone.

In considering whether to issue a special licence, the licensing committee considered the criteria set out in section 142 of the Act.

District Licensing Committee decision

*Having regard to the information supporting the application and having regard to the criteria set out in section 142 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 the Manawatu District Licensing Committee grants the issue of a special licence to **HIWINUI COUNTRY ESTATE** in respect of the events for which the licence was sought, subject to the following conditions:*

1. Alcohol may be sold under the licence only on the following day and during the following hours:
Saturday, 28 February 2026 12.00 Midday to 7.00.p.m
Last drinks 6.30.p.m.
2. The licensee must display a copy of this special licence at the point of sale so as to be easily read by people attending the event.
3. All of the areas being used are to be designated as Restricted.
4. A certificated manager must be on duty at all times, within the licensed area, when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol and their full name must be on a sign prominently displayed.
5. The licensee must take the following steps to ensure that the provisions of this Act relating to the sale or supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed:
Signage at the counter, staff to check ID, staff to monitor for minors and intoxicated persons, minors will not be served alcohol, intoxicated persons will not be served alcohol.
6. Drinking water must be freely available at the following places while the premises are open for business: Water station will be all around the venue, and monitored and refilled as required.
7. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times alcohol is available for sale or supply as follows or similar, Wedge Food truck, Little Fatty's, Feeding Out, Flame n Flavour, Anna Does Food, KK Dumplings, and Kiwi kai Catering.
8. Low-alcohol beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises as including but not limited to, 2% ABV beer (Brew Union).
9. Non-alcohol beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises including but not limited to soft drinks.
10. A telephone must be freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist if required. Telephone numbers for alternative forms of transport from the premises must be displayed.
11. Drinks will be sold in a maximum of four drinks per person, for the first three hours and then reduce to two per person. Bottles of wine will only be sold for the first three hours of the festival.

Dated at Feilding this 3rd day of December 2025

Signed



Ross Brannigan
Commissioner, Manawatu District Licensing Committee

